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days under observation. After this detention they will be subjected to five days' further surveillance by the local administration. The patients will remain at the lazaretto until cured.

The crew have been inoculated with antiplague serum. The ship has been disinfected and deratized. Discharge of cargo will be done at the port of Antwerp by lighters.

One of the patients is recovering. The condition of the second is satisfactory.

May 12.—Bacteriological examination has confirmed the clinical diagnosis in the cases of plague taken from the steamship *Rubens*. One of the patients is cured. He will resume his service on board the *Rubens* at the time of its departure. The condition of the last case is very satisfactory. No other case has occurred. Measures of surveillance and observation have been rigorously observed. The unloading of the steamship is almost completed and the vessel will return to active sea service.

CHINA.

Report from Amoy—Inspection of vessel—Examination of emigrants—Vaccination—Leprosy, plague, and smallpox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, April 3:

Week ended April 3.

The British steamship *Taisang*, with 69 in the crew and 34 cabin and 212 steerage passengers for Manila, was granted a bill of health. All passengers were vaccinated and inspected prior to sailing. Two steerage passengers were rejected for trachoma and one was rejected for favus.

The following quarantinable diseases are present in Amoy: Plague, leprosy, and smallpox.

Plague is reported epidemic in Chang Chew, the first prefectural city 30 miles west of Amoy.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Plague rats—Rat-proofing of houses.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ranscm reports, April 14:

Week ended April 10. Supplemental bills of health granted to 2 steamships with an aggregate personnel of 482. There were inspected 1 vessel, 45 members of crews, and 4 cabin and 16 steerage passengers. Fifty-four pieces of baggage were also inspected and 2 pieces disinfected. There were examined and passed for San Francisco, per steamship *Tenyo Maru*, 4 emigrants, and 1 intending emigrant was recommended to wait. Manifests were viséed for 1,370 pieces of freight, amounting to 188.13 tons.

There were examined last week 510 rats found dead in various parts of the settlement, 6 of which (4 from the eastern and 2 from the northern districts) were plague-infected. Rat traps in operation numbered 2,478, and there were caught and destroyed without examination 462 rats. Four hundred and seven native houses were temporarily rat-proofed.